Amendments to the Claims:

This claims listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects ~~as recited in claim 2 further~~ comprising:

automatically detecting dependencies among a set of objects, wherein each of said objects in said set includes at least one linkable file;

adding said detected dependencies to a dependency list for said set of objects;

removing dependencies from said dependency list for any object that does not also have at least one file dependency;

removing unused files from said set of objects; and

breaking a selected object in said set of objects into at least two smaller objects if said selected object is greater than a maximum object size.

4. (Original) A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 3 wherein said threshold maximum size is a predetermined maximum object size.

5. (Original) A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 3 further comprising making a selected file into a new object if the number of dependencies of said selected file is greater than a maximum file dependency number.

6. (Original) A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 5 wherein said maximum file dependency number is a predetermined maximum file dependency number.

7. (Original) A method for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 6 further comprising manually editing said dependency list.

8-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects ~~as recited in claim 12 further~~ comprising:

means for automatically detecting dependencies among a set of objects, wherein each of said objects in said set includes at least one linkable file;

means for adding said detected dependencies to a dependency list for said related objects;

means for removing dependencies from said dependency list for any object that does not also have at least one file dependency;

means for removing unused files from said set of objects; and

means for breaking a selected object in said set of objects into at least two smaller objects if said selected object is greater than a maximum object size.

14. (Original) An apparatus for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 13 wherein said threshold maximum size is a predetermined maximum object size.

15. (Original) An apparatus for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 13 further comprising means for making a selected file into a new object if the number of dependencies of said selected file is greater than a maximum file dependency number.

16. (Original) An apparatus for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 15 wherein said maximum file dependency number is a predetermined maximum file dependency number.

17. (Original) An apparatus for optimizing dependencies for a set of objects as recited in claim 16 further comprising means for manually editing said dependency list.

18-33. (Canceled).